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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

Superintending School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF HILL,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1872.

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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen of the town of Hill, for the year 1871, charge themselves with the following items, viz :

Cash received as follows :

Of John Flanders, Treasurer for 1870,	\$654.01
Pliny E. Heath, Collector, for 1870,	677.31
J. W. Favor, " for 1869,	31.39
Charles W. Colby, note given,	500.00
Ann Cilley, " "	100.00
Daniel Tyrrel, " "	100.00
W. H. Hilpert, " "	200.00
G. C. Hilpert, " "	100.00
" " " "	100.00
Emma G. Dearborn, " "	60.00
C. D. Merrill, " "	150.00
Emma G. Dearborn, " "	70.45
Savings bank dividend,	348.41
Railroad tax,	403.52
Literary fund,	58.50
County of Merrimack,	165.60
Taxes committed to collector,	4,956.11
Received for Mrs. Sawyer's clothing,	3.50
Received of John Ballou, damage to sheep by dogs,	2.00
Clifford & Calley, for use of rope,	3.25
adjoining towns, for expense in perambulation,	5.00
F. W. Eaton, interest on taxes,	15.85
	\$8,704.90

Which is accounted for as follows :

OUTSTANDING CLAIMS PRIOR TO MARCH, 1871.

Paid as follows :

John Flanders, services as Treasurer for 1870,	\$81.52
“ “ “ Selectman, 1870,	7.50
“ “ for the use of tools, &c.,	2.00
“ “ for damage on plow and drag,	8.50
“ “ for work on highway in 1870,	2.00
J. W. Flanders, for notifying auditors,	1.00
A. B. Johnson, excess on tax,	3.75
J. P. Stackpole, breaking roads in 1869,	4.68
County of Grafton, for instruction and maintainance of Solon Boynton at Reform School,	223.10
F. E. Cawley, school-house tax of 1869,	12.00
F. P. Cilley, for breaking roads in 1869,	4.20
John Boynton, for breaking roads in 1870,	1.36
William Hersey, for breaking roads in 1870-71	4.20
Richard Pevare, damage to sheep by dogs in 1870,	8.75
Auditors, for 1870,	2.00
R. W. Musgrove, for printing reports, 1870,	26.00
J. W. Favor, for collecting taxes for 1868-69,	11.53
Dana B. Dickerson, for work on road, 1870,	3.57
R. M. Davis, for cleaning town house,	1.25
C. M. Cilley, services as Selectman,	2.75
James M. Bishop, for med. attendance of L. Mowe, 1870,	3.50
Wilson Foster, for lumber,	6.00
Stackpole & Lane, for stationery,	.60
B. S. Stevens, breaking roads and use of plow and drills,	9.00
I. N. Lane, for personal injury and damage to wagon,	25.00
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	\$455.76

Town expenses for 1871.

Paid as follows :

G. D. Stackpole, services as Supt. School Committee,	\$19.00
E. H. Wright, " " " "	19.00
C. F. Young, services as Town Clerk,	21.00
F. W. Eaton, services as Collector,	45.72
C. M. Cilley, services as Selectman,	79.00
" cash paid out,	18.70
" horse hire,	6.00
" board of selectmen,	12.00
J. H. Emmons, services as Selectman,	41.30
H. P. Eaton, services as Selectman,	38.62
C. M. Cilley, services as Treasurer,	70.00
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	\$370.39

Support of Town Paupers.

Paid as follows :

M. J. Plummer, for support of L. Mowe	130.00
Stackpole & Lane, goods for " "	9.23
I. T. Parker & Son, " " " "	3.29
I. M. Bishop, med. attendance for " "	56.72
H. P. Eaton, for " "	1.25
Herbert & George, for " "	.90
G. W. Twombly, for R. Ferrin,	43.28
I. M. Bishop, med. attendance; of R. Ferrin,	9.50
J. H. Emmons, for Moses Colby,	2.15
John Ballou, " " "	12.00
S. W. Carleton, " " "	4.50
D. F. Dustin, " " "	2.00
M. J. Plummer, for Mrs. Sawyer,	20.00
I. M. Bishop med. attendance for Mrs. Sawyer,	3.00
H. P. Eaton, burial clothes for " "	1.78
J. L. Mead, coffin for " "	8.00
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	\$307.68

Support of County Paupers.

Paid as follows :

John Flanders, for Dow family,	\$41.00
Stackpole & Lane, goods for Dow family,	11.00
Blake & Eaton, " " " "	15.50
Mason & Eaton, " " " "	3.00
Daniel Wiser, wood for " "	1.50
C. M. Cilley, for Walter and Ruth Butterfield	14.18
A. A. Marden, " " "	25.00
Elijah Ballou, " " "	15.00
A. N. Ballou, for Walter Butterfield,	4.50
Simon Dufer, " "	4.50
I. T. Parker & Son, goods for Ruth Butterfield,	.92
I. M. Bishop, med. attendance of W. & R. Butterfield,	18.00
J. L. Mead, coffin for " "	7.00
Mrs. J. Wadleigh, sewing for " "	.50
H. P. Eaton, for transient poor,	4.00
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	\$165.60

Roads and Bridges.

Paid as follows :

Town of Alexandria, on bridge,	\$28.62
Town of Bristol, on bridge,	12.19
Sewall Dickerson, work on bridge,	1.75
H. P. Eaton, " " "	6.15
I. T. Follansbee, " " "	6.00
Calvin Golden, " " "	10.75
E. W. Mason, " " "	8.75
J. H. Emmons, " " "	7.00
S. W. Carleton, work on road,	9.65
G. W. Sargent, " " "	4.00
A. J. Phelps, " " "	5.00
C. M. Cilley, " " "	12.00
D. F. Dustin, " " "	9.26

J. H. K. Dickerson, for lumber,	8.98
C. H. Dickerson, " "	25.32
C. M. Cilley, " "	18.00
T. C. Boswell, " "	10.74
Parley Young, " "	27.01
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	\$211.17

Paid on Notes.

Dimond Shaw,	\$157.00
K. E. Dearborn,	51.62
Robert Martin,	661.45
Nancy E. Sargent,	43.50
Daniel Tyrrel,	213.64
" "	100.10
Albert Bush,	31.00
Moses Bartlett,	50.00
Abigail Loverin,	50.00
Geo. A. Boynton,	126.46
Bethuel Locke,	150.00
Emma G. Dearborn,	60.90
G. C. Hilpert,	100.62
W. H. Hilbert,	644.37
LeRoy D. Bartlett,	14.92
Watson Dickerson,	95.29
Hannah Foster,	114.76
Amanda G. Hannaford,	51.70
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	\$2,717.33

Paid the several School Districts.

District No. 1, J. Q. A. Prescott,	\$224.93
2, Wilson Foster,	48.40
3, Parley Young,	62.10
4, R. M. Davis,	81.27
5, Daniel Wiser,	56.11

6, G. D. Laney,	61.12
7, Orrin LeBarron,	41.68
8, Henry Plummer,	46.76
9, S. W. Carleton,	50.40
10, Horace C. Sweat,	49.25

\$722.02

Taxes Paid.

State tax,	\$1,050.00
County tax,	580.40
Non-resident highway tax worked out,	1.50

\$1,631.90

Incidental Expenses.

Stackpole & Lane, blank books, stationery and express on letter,	\$2.68
B. W. Sanborn & Co., for books and check list,	8.95
F. W. Eaton, expense on non-resident tax list,	3.50
" " " " in getting money,	1.00
J. H. Emmons, as surveyor in perambulating town lines,	12.00
C. M. Cilley, perambulating town lines,	10.50
H. P. Eaton, " " "	9.75
Cash paid for board while perambulating,	6.25
George W. Dearborn, public watering place,	3.00
J. Littefield board and lodging of Selectmen,	1.50
Town of Andover, expense on road case,	29.40
James Fuller, evidence " " "	1.00
W. H. Morrill, " " " "	2.25
Clark Durgin, expense " " "	11.70
David Trumbull, " " " "	1.25
J. W. Huntoon, board in road case,	5.25
Lewis W. Fling, counsel for 1871,	75.00
R. M. Davis, for cleaning town house,	1.00
E. S. Rolfe, damage to sheep by dogs,	4.30

Lester Collins, " " " " "	4.30
J. W. Corlis, " " " " "	2.00
I. K. George, " " " " "	2.15
W. F. Hannaford, " " " " "	1.10
G. W. Dearborn, " " " " "	2.15
Ephraim Hilliard, excess in tax,	1.68
George Shaw, " " "	2.12
Robert Morrill, " " "	2.40
D. F. Dustin, " " " on dog,	1.00
I. J. Wescott, abated "	4.75
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	\$213.93

Recapitulation.

Amount of money received by Treasurer,	\$8,704.90
Which is accounted for as follows :	
Outstanding claims,	\$455.76
Town expenses,	370.39
Support of town paupers,	307.63
" " county "	165.60
Roads and bridges,	211.17
On notes,	2,717.33
School districts,	722.02
State tax,	1,050.00
County tax,	580.40
Non-resident highway tax worked out,	1.50
Incidental expenses,	213.93
Due from Collector,	798.11
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	1,111.06
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	\$8,704.90

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES M. CILLEY,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
JOHN H. EMMONS,	
HORACE P. EATON,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Hill.</i>

The undersigned, having carefully examined the foregoing accounts, find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

SEWALL DICKERSON,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
JOHN FLANDERS,		
S. D. JOHNSON,		

OUTSTANDING CLAIMS AGAINST THE TOWN.

Due on notes as follows :

Dimond Shaw,	\$115.54
M. J. Morrill,	409.00
S. F. Clement,	19.28
S. M. Carrier,	603.14
Moses Bartlett,	905.68
F. W. Eaton,	632.62
Samuel Brown,	345.95
Nancy Fowler,	214.12
Moses Dustin,	808.78
Joseph Prescott,	461.00
Sally A. Sanborn,	351.92
Perley Dickerson,	364.64
Huldah S. Dickerson,	77.37
Betsey Carleton,	152.64
Mary A. Dearborn,	112.36
John W. Curtice,	992.45
Salome P. Sanborn,	283.73
Albert Bush,	49.82
E. T. Eastman,	674.11
LeRoy D. Bartlett,	500.00
Bethuel Locke,	379.00
Chase W. Colby,	1,145.48
Curtice Weeks,	447.38
Abigail Loverin,	60.50

Abby H. Caswell,	892.52
Mary Davis,	278.78
M. E. A. Dickerson,	270.30
J. R. Rowell,	368.88
Eliza M. Ward,	45.81
E. F. Eastman,	1,000.00
John Clement,	244.86
Georgia A. George,	56.18
Amos D. Caswell,	2,120.00
John H. Hunt,	1,113.00
Roxanna S. Ferrin,	55.12
Betsey Eastman,	109.18
Mary A. Heath,	655.08
D. G. Mowe,	540.60
Clark Merrill,	145.22
Emma G. Dearbon,	70.45
C. D. Merrill,	151.50
G. C. Hilpert,	103.50
W. H. Hilpert,	207.00
Ann Cilley,	105.00
Outstanding claims estimated at	30.00
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	\$18,669.49

Due the town.

Real estate and rope,	\$50.00
From Collector 1867,	20.94
“ “ 1868-69,	44.13
“ “ 1870,	298.33
“ “ 1871,	798.11
“ J. W. Huntoon and others, estimated at	25.00
“ State on soldiers' claims,	5,661.60
Lumber on hand,	40.00

Cash in hands of Treasurer,	1,111.06	
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Due the town as found above,		\$8,049.17
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Leaving a balance due from the town of		\$10,620.32

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REPORT
OF THE
Superintending School Committee
OF THE
TOWN OF HILL,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1872.

It affords us satisfaction in reporting to our fellow citizens the success that has attended the educational interests of your town during the past year.

We have had twelve different teachers, all of whom were females—three resident teachers—127 weeks schooling; 130 different pupils; averaging 9 weeks for each scholar, and 15 children for each school.

TEACHERS

have been more competent than some previous years. Small compensation will not secure the best talent among teachers, more than other occupations. Good order has been a characteristic feature of all schools, under the direction of our board of teachers.

TEXT-BOOKS

have not undergone any change, nor do we recommend frequent changes.

We find there is an evil in our schools. In one of thirty scholars there were as many classes. No town school should

have half that number. This is the result of partial changes, when the attempt has been made. Some books have to be often changed by circumstances of the case. Towns, counties, states and territories are continually changing. Would we be well versed in political Geography, keeping pace with the age in which we live, we must change such text books. Mathematics are fixed facts; we only want the shortest and best method of arriving at them. When any text-book is adopted and recommended by the Committee, it should be secured at once, by all who use that grade. Let parents do this; then, with careful classification by teachers, these questions of frequent changes, and multiplicity of books and classes, could be adjusted satisfactory to all concerned.

SCHOOL-HOUSES

need a special notice. There is not a *good* school-room in Hill. When we say *good*, we do not convey the idea of a MODERN house, with ventilation and fixtures. We refer simply to a room where teachers and scholars can meet without suffering from heat within or inclemencies of weather without. Nine of the ten school-houses cannot be used in winter safely. We were present in one school, during a shower, when the rain came pouring through the building. Another was very damp the day following a storm; scholars and teacher alike suffering from the same. Again, we found one school-house so remote from all inhabitants that the hoot of an owl would break a deathlike silence for miles around. The first teacher sent there took fright, we suppose, the first day, left and has not been seen by your committee since.

RE-DISTRICTING

the town is a question that had some thought given it during the year. Nothing done; no demand by the people.

Something *must soon be done*. Your houses are not fitting for their object. Repairs must be extensive or new school-houses. Is it policy to build new houses in the several districts? The present number of scholars will not guarantee that.

What better can be done than to re-district, consolidate and build a few convenient houses, of modern style, in such places as will accomodate a majority? Some will be more remote, but facts universal prove, that those more distant from the school are more constant, consequently learn most. The noblest minds the world ever saw, endured these early hardships. We do not go to the green-house to find a sturdy oak; it must be made strong by cold winter and rushing wind, by storm and sunshine. So minds must contend with the strong counter currents of nature, ere they develope into that strength and magnitude which move a world.

Citizens of Hill, consider your school interests. They need improvement. Come together in public meetings and discuss the matter; mature your plans; labor for *public* good and you will most enhance your own. Increase your school money. With a *few good* school buildings you will enlarge your schools. Interest will arise. You can pay teachers more and secure better ones. Then the cause of education will assume the designed and desired prominence.

You, individually, will have a living, growing, inherent satisfaction that you have done something to crush ignorance, and pave the way, that those following you may live higher in the scale of material existance.

DISTRICT No. 1.

This school had the advantage of the same teacher, Miss A. M. KNOX, for the year—three terms. Miss Knox brought to her work good natural and acquired abilities. Her school was characterized with good order and thoroughness in the branches taught. Length of school in weeks, 28; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$30; whole number of scholars, 35; average, 30.

DISTRICT No. 2.

The school in this district, was taught by Mrs. JESSIE CALLEY, a competent and faithful teacher. Her manner in the school-room was quiet and easy. The pupils made good

advancement under her instruction. Length of school in weeks, 10; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20; whole number of scholars, 11; average 10.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Summer term was taught by Miss LIZZIE A. NELSON, whose success was considered very commendable, for one commencing this work. This is a quiet and orderly school. Improvement good for a short term. Length of school in weeks, 5; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$18; whole number of scholars, 7; average, 6.

Fall term had for its teacher, Miss ALMA A. SULLOWAY, a quiet lady. Energy enables all to engage in work with determination. Order good. Advancement fair. Length of school in weeks, 7; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20; whole number of scholars, 8; average, 7.

DISTRICT No. 4.

An experienced teacher, Mrs. SALOME P. SANBORN, taught the first term. Had she health for such work, we could commend her very favorably to the public. Where there are many active children, it requires strong minds and bodies. The school under her charge appeared well. Length of school in weeks, 6; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$17; whole number of scholars, 17; average 14.

Second term, Miss MARY L. PARKER, who has taught here before, gave her accustomed satisfaction. She has the love of all the children, which renders a school pleasant and profitable. Length of school in weeks, 10; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20; whole number of scholars, 20; average, 18.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Teacher, Miss MARY A. HERSEY. Dignity, decision, character and ability are recognized at once by children. When these, combined with physical ability, are seen in a teacher, we have little fear for the success of a school. This was one of the best schools in town. Teacher gave good satisfaction. Length of

school in weeks, 10 ; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$19.80 ; whole number of scholars, 21 ; average, 19.

DISTRICT No. 6.

MARY ABBIE BISHOP, prompt in manners, quick in perception, a young and inexperienced teacher. We think Miss Bishop, after years of experience, may acquire dignity of character so requisite for first-class teachers. Whispering often takes away the merits of a school. The school progressed under her charge very well in their studies. Length of school in weeks, 7 ; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$18 ; whole number of scholars, 12 ; average, 9.

Fall term was taught by Miss HATTIE N. THOMPSON. She seemed to be interested in her work, and labored to make herself useful. With more thoroughness on her part, and a better spirit of co-operation on the part of parents, it would have been a better school. Length of school in weeks, 10 ; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$18 ; whole number of scholars, 12 ; average, 9.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Small school taught by Miss VILLA E. MEAD. The school appeared very orderly. Progress was marked. Those attending regularly, did well. Miss Mead, like most of Hill teachers, was without previous experience in this vocation. Length of school in weeks, 10 ; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$16 ; whole number of scholars, 8 ; average, 6.

DISTRICT No. 8.

"MARY L. PARKER" needs but be written in this report to give us the needed information in regard to her schools. Her services have been long and tried in this vicinity. School made good advancement. Had some scholars more dicipline at home, it would be much easier for a teacher. Length of school in weeks, 8 ; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20 ; whole number of scholars, 12 ; average, 11.

DISTRICT No. 9.

A school which had the advantage of an experienced teacher, Miss LIZZIE S. MORGAN. At the commencement, the school appeared satisfactory. Report from parents enables us to say that Miss Morgan fully met the wishes of all. A Prudential Committee is chosen to hire teachers, pay them and notify them, at least two hours before the school closes; then they can inform the Superintending School Committee, so that they can visit the school before its close. Length of school in weeks, 8 1-2; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$18; whole number of scholars, 6; average, 5.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Miss ABBIE J. FOLLANSBEE was the teacher employed. The school was small, hence not a chance for the enthusiasm often awakened in larger schools; yet by dint of force, she pushed her little charge on to advanced ground. Length of school in weeks, 8; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$21; whole number of scholars, 9; average, 7.

GEO. D. STACKPOLE, } *Supt. School*
E. H. WRIGHT, } *Committee.*



